



## Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: SEXNLOVE (SNL)

Sunday, February 6, 2011: S.O.S!

Genesis 2:18-25

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*In your home, how was "sex" addressed when you were growing up? Was it "hush, hush"? Was it talked about openly? Was it seen as a "bad word"?*

*Did your parents give you "the talk"? If so, how did they go about discussing sex?*

### **Read Genesis 2:7; 16-17**

*What are all the ways in which man was created? What were some of the things Mike said this morning?*

*When you look at others, what do you think about? Think about meeting someone for the first time OR just the people you are around all day. How do you think about them? Do you think about what they look like? their personality? their flaws? do you think about them at all or do you think about simply how they affect you?*

Mike talked this morning about "learning to recognize and respect the image of God in other human beings."  
*How often do you think about God's image in another?*

To understand this image a little more, **read Psalm 139:13-15; Read Genesis 18-25**

Reflect on Mike's statement this morning, "intimacy is not skin to skin but soul to soul."  
*What are your thoughts on this statement?*

Marriage is the safe place to say, "I will never forsake you. I will never leave you. There is nothing you can do or say that will make me leave you." This is what the Scriptures meant when it said that Adam and Eve had no shame.  
*Is this how you see marriage?*

If you knew that your spouse would never, ever leave you; regardless of what you might say, think or do, how would this affect your vulnerability toward them?

Many in our culture want intimacy and we think that if we give our bodies to one another, then that person might "love" us. Yet all we have done is give our skin to them. Yet Scripture tells us that we have to connect soul to soul before connecting skin to skin.

### **Read 1 Corinthians 6:16**

The Bible tells us that casual sex creates isolation. Give examples of ways you have seen our culture become isolated because of casual sex. Give examples of "casual sex" that creates isolation.

Mike talked this morning about "Vampire Sex: Sexual relationship based upon appetite rather than intimacy." *Where have you seen this in our culture? If your group is safe and open enough, where have you seen this in your own life?*

If you are a community group made up of couples, break away as couples for about 5 minutes and each spouse ask the other spouse this question:

*"How have we as a couple seen sex in our relationship? Have we treated it as skin to skin or soul to soul?"*

This is not a time to blame but a time to be honest.

Then as a couple, set a time in the next week in which you can take time away to enjoy sex as soul to soul. This requires taking time carved out to enjoy one another-to connect. Plan this time!

When you get together, begin your time together with these 3 things:

- 1) Repentance-confess as a couple ways that you both have treated sex as skin to skin. Pray this together!
- 2) Accept God's forgiveness- read 1 John 1:8-10 to each other.
- 3) Recognize that you both need God's grace to move forward: say to your spouse-"you have been fearfully and wonderfully made and I love who God has made you!"